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# ABOUT MUN

# Hi!

We have an honour to welcome you at 6th edition of StetiMUN in our school. Just like in previous years, we are meeting up to intensively talk over the hottest and the most current Global Issues. We truly hope that some strong discussion will be held not only during the conferences, but also in the time of lunches, leisure and dinners with hosts.

We strongly believe, that forthcoming days will be as productive as unforgettable for all of us. Days of looking for solutions to change our world for the better. Now we can only say WELCOME! And let the word of wisdom from Franklin Delano Roosevelt 'We are trying to construct a more inclusive society. We are going to make a world in which no one is left out' be in our favour.

Beside a simple "Hello" we would like to introduce you the members of our team, that create this magnificent newspaper. Well. We are the Press and our mission is to accompany you in the time of StetiMUN for good and

for bad. Our strictly selected and superbly well-oiled staff will be working hard (or rather has been working) to point you out the most memorable moments, which cannot be missed! The head of Press – Bastian – is always there to watch over us. It is him, who is in charge to control the content of the newspaper.

We cannot predict, whether you will be able to see us, as every journalist is a real fly on the wall. But be aware of the fact, that we will definitely see you...

Ps. As always, you can have some snacks and coffee to feel just like the members of the real UN meeting.

**Bogna Bochińska**  
**Karolina Prochownik**





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## Know her better

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**Can you tell us what your job is about?**

My job during these 3 days of the conference is a pure pleasure. I will stay focused on supervising if all things are on the way they should. I will look around and check if everyone is having a great time during the conference.

**When did you first find out that you were going to be Secretary-General, what were your thoughts back then?**

I was asked to be the Secretary General long before, it even crossed my mind to be one. Miss Ostapkowicz, the history teacher, gave me an offer and I almost immediately said yes! Then I did some thinking and still felt pretty confident and excited about preparing the conference from the very beginning. With time, I came to realize that the job is really hard, and often unpleasant,

nevertheless, I wouldn't change it and I do not regret. The excitement was soon replaced with a bit of stress, but the one which motivates me and gives the energy to keep going.

**What was your worksite at previous StetiMUN?**

Last year I was the Chair in Human Rights Council. Human Rights are incredibly important to me, so I was really glad to be responsible for that committee. We had cool crew of delegates and I remember being proud of them. Although we had some obstacles during the first day, everything turned out well.

It is such an amazing feeling to see people really getting engaged in something that you have worked on for so long. And I hope to feel the same after Closing ceremony on 21st of November.

**How do you feel about a new challenge?**

Being the Chair and Secretary General, are two different tasks. Being Secretary General is a one-year demand, to prepare

everything and to supervise, try and organize crowd of people. That was, and still is an immense challenge for me. Few times during almost a year of all arrangements I was thinking that I am not appropriate for it, that I wouldn't make it. But then I got a huge support from the others that were a part of organisation team.

In fact Secretary General alone can do nothing! Thanks to all my ambitious and devoted colleagues, and amazing teachers that made it with us, we are now having the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing idea. When I compare what I have done this year for the conference and what I did last year, I can say without doubts that this year has been hell of the challenge.

**Aren't you at least a little afraid that something won't go as planned?**

Obviously! The closer we were getting to the conference the more I felt stressed. But as I said, I feel rather motivated then paralyzed. Everything is going to be the way I want it to be, I see no other option ;)

**Thank you so much for the interview and we wish you Good Luck!**

**Aleksandra Łukaszewska**

## Through the brief history of United Nations

It was 70 years ago when originators: France, China, Great Britain, USA and USSR met for the first time with 46 other countries in San Francisco to discuss current world situation. They all claimed that peace should have been maintained at all costs. Remembering the ineffectiveness of League of Nations and the tremendous World War II, they established new non-governmental organisation – United Nations. The main aim was to prevent another similar conflict. They decided to focus on issues such as maintaining international peace and security, promoting human rights, fostering social and economic development, protecting the environment and providing the humanitarian aid in case of famine, natural disasters and armed conflict.

This is how the United Nations was founded. Through all those years plenty of other countries have been joining in, reaching the number we know today – 193. The organisation has gained a regard and a large influence on international politics.

The paramount achievements of United Nations are: food aid – one of the most successful program UN has ever ratified, aid to refugees, work in the name of women empowerment, and – which may be quite surprising – running elections in areas where the ideology of dictatorship or monarchy is still dominating. Their marvelous accomplishments were rewarded with the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001. It is worth mentioning the Goodwill Ambassadors, who are prominent individuals and volunteers in highlighting important areas of U.N. work. That include the celebrities such as David Beckham, Angelina Jolie, Shakira or Giorgio Armani .

This year, in 70th anniversary of the establishment, we are meeting to emulate the leaders of the modern world and to make attempt to find solutions to the most urgent issues. So let's find out what the future holds!



Marta Sadurska  
Weronika Szufranowicz

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# Explore Szczecin

Three days of work, days of proceedings, conversations and debates are coming. However, everyone needs a bit of rest, right? Szczecin is a city, where you can find a lot of interesting and beautiful places and meet new people. Let's have a look! We have prepared a few suggestions for you.

## Boulevards and Chrobry Embankment by the Odra River (Wały Chrobrego)

If you like evening walks, boulevards in Szczecin will be ideal place for you. After a bit of relaxation by the Odra river, it's worth going to the Chrobry Embankment. Amazing architecture: viewing terraces, National Museum, Maritime Academy and the Castle of Pomeranian Duke is something, you cannot miss! All of this is one of the most interesting and monumental architectural place in this part of the Europe.

## Kasprowicz's Park

Autumn can be very beautiful. If you love nature, landscape, Kasprowicz Park will captivate you. The Jasne Błonia alley, where there are two important monuments, will make you get there. In the park you can relax by the lake, surrounded by gold-maroon trees. Why don't you taste an outstanding coffee from CafeRower (a mobile bike cafe!?) Spot it there!



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## Café 22

Do you want to see the whole Szczecin from one place? Café 22 allows you to do it! It is (as its name suggests) a restaurant located on the twenty-second floor of the skyscraper. Tasty food, nice decor and panorama of the city all together make an unique atmosphere. From the 22nd floor everything seems to be smaller and more distant. After hard day, everyone deserve the „moment of oblivion”.



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## Szczecin Philharmonic and „Pauza” Café

It's time for the most amazing architectural building in Europe just round the corner! Does enjoying the taste of freshly prepared coffee in the „iceberg” sound good? If so, you should visit Pauza Cafe, where you can see Szczecin's architectural pride from the inside.

Paulina Wyroślak

## Wisdom comes from experiences

Two different characters and one demanding council. Despite the difficulties Chairs seemed to be truly optimistic about their succeeding StetiMUN. What do they expect? And what advice for delegates do they have? Read the interview and get to know Chairs of Security Council – Aleksandra Kuśnierkiewicz and Jakub Wójcik!



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### Why have you chosen Security Council?

Aleksandra: I have been interested in Security Council from the very moment I became truly engaged in the work of MUNs and StetiMUN in particular. International politics and security seems to me the biggest obstacle in achieving stability in the world.

I am utterly interested in the way politicians create our everyday reality with the actions we might not even be aware of and how politics interfere in the lives of regular people. Security Council is the right council to discuss the possible solutions for changing the current status of politics and for gaining important knowledge about the world. Plus the debate is always truly powerful!

J: I have chosen SC as the delegates of this council discuss the most burning issues of vital importance to the global security. It is usually fun to moderate people, who are as well prepared and motivated, as in SC. I also truly enjoy that this committee is not packed with too many delegates and because of this - an actual fluent discussion takes place more easily.

### Which main problems will you try to solve during the conference?

A: Delegates will try to discuss the issues arising from the actions taken by terrorist group, known as the ISIS or ISIL. They will also try to find proper ways to combat inequalities and will answer the question: how to provide sustainable development to this world?

J: We will also debate on the Ukrainian Crisis.

### What kind of results are you waiting for?

J: I and my co-Chair hope for a passionate discussion and a realistic resolution, which would thoroughly cover the pivotal points of the problems debated upon. I hope we can also create a great atmosphere and become friends during the course of the conference!

A: I am very optimistic and I assume delegates will be prepared, so I cannot wait to see the creative and innovative ideas. I am confident that the results will surprise me. The world is in great need of young minds and open hearts. We know that's not your first time with StetiMUN.

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## **Why have you decided to take part in the conference again?**

A: Because I love the idea of MUN conferences! I truly believe that this is the right platform for people to develop their critical thinking abilities, to gain knowledge, to open up themselves to the challenges of dispute, but most of all I think such conferences are inspiring. Inspiring to take actions and help this world become a safer place for us all.

J: MUNs have become my passion since the first time I attended it during my first grade in 2013. I was then thinking of becoming the PGA and working in the SC one day. And well... look at where we are!

## **Does MUN give any language and knowledge development opportunities?**

A: Definitely! Every MUN conference leaves me with new knowledge, but most important, it leaves me excited for getting

more of it. It inspires me to get to know the world I'm living in. Plus, it helped me to use English language confidently.

J: Of course it does! It helps to develop one's language overall, but mostly official speech. It also gives a tremendous possibility to develop general knowledge of international policy and in many cases very specific information about the discussed cases.

## **What do you think a role of a Chair during debate is?**

A: The role of a Chair is to support delegates during their preparation process, to inspire them to gain new knowledge and to moderate the debate. Plus to always serve with advice and good, positive energy.

## **What did you have to go through during preparation for StetiMUN?**

A: I had to dedicate a lot of my time, which was a rewarding experience. I had to gain knowledge, which I am thankful for. And I had still have to look for energy to face those amazing, tiring and exciting three days. Getting excited is the key!

J: I am quite experienced in Model United Nations conferences and possess a wide knowledge about procedures and international politics in general, so it was not that difficult for me. I had to prepare my speeches for the General Assembly and have this great interview with you! In the end I enjoyed both - lucky me!

## **Any advice for delegates?**

A: Have fun! You are here for yourself. Learn and be open to other people. Be brave and use this opportunity to really engage yourself - wisdom comes from experiences. Remember you are awesome. And have fun once again.

J: Yes, have fun, get to know people, don't be anxious to get involved!  
Getting excited is the key!

## **Thank you for the nice conversation**

Dominika Farbotko  
Ania Gulbinowicz

## Preparations, concerns and hopes



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**Gender bias in workplaces, unequal payment, sexual harassment and impunity in cases of violence against women - sadly still are a genuine problem in modern times. It's not surprising that such a thought-provoking issues gained a lot of attention, making the Women Empowerment Committee the biggest of all. Martyna Gasperowicz and Karolina Liczbińska are telling us about being the Chairs, their preparations, concerns and hopes.**

### **Why have you chosen this council?**

Martyna Gasperowicz: I have chosen Women Empowerment because of its thought-provoking, interesting topics and interest this committee is piquing.

Karolina Liczbińska: At my first StetiMUN in 2013 I was only a delegate in the Women Empowerment Committee. Back then Kinga Peszko was the Chair who impressed me a lot.

She managed to be a really good Chair being the president of the General Assembly at the same time. She did her job very good. I'm recalling that very positively, and for me, the first StetiMUN, in which I was engaged, was really impressive. This year event will be my fifth time and don't think that it will beat the fifth one, no further MUN did. Maybe it's because of my first experience which I had no expectations to.

### **Why do you wanted to work as a Chair?**

KL: I see it as a natural advancement. As I have gained much experience with previous MUNs, it seemed to me that it's already time to take care of it „from the inside”. It would be nice to continue as a delegate, since it's exciting - you have to quarrel with the members and, but still - it would be some kind of a comeback.

### **Aren't you afraid of being responsible for the results of the debate?**

MG: Of course I would like to have prudent re-

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solutions that could be on a General Assembly. I think this is something every Chair wishes for. But the most important thing for me is fun which delegates should have during MUN and their own satisfaction. If Chairs cannot lead their duties smoothly, delegates won't be active. The energy of the debate is Chair's responsibility (their enthusiasm and charisma). So if I mess up and don't know how to keep the energy up in the delegates, they won't come to any resolutions and I will feel silly at the end.

## **Do you have any pieces of advice for this year's delegates?**

KL: Read the guide! They must read it, because if not, I'll be terribly mad with them. In our guide, in footnotes, there are links to the sources worth reading. All in all, it's a compulsion (as I suggest gently) to click on these links and do your own research - become involved. Above all, delegates have to adhere to the policy of their country, not their conscience. It cannot be this way. And, of course, not to be afraid! Anyway, it's supposed to be fun! I know it's daunting, especially if it's someone's first time. I also remember that I was terribly afraid of speaking, saying something wrong, although, there was nothing to fear about. MUN is forgiving! Of course, we will invent some penalties, there always are some, but they are mainly for latecomers or for these who are stubborn and keep their jokes, or for people who, for some reason, do not know that phones or other devices are used only for educational purposes in debates. So if we catch someone that plays LOL, it can be expected that he or she will get punished. We won't miss anybody!. We'll do a blacklist.

MG: I agree. Overall we are hoping you will all acquire the necessary knowledge and won't be afraid to participate in heated debates, resulting in wise resolutions.

## **How do you prepare to work as a Chair?**

KL: For example, yesterday we had the next meeting with the group of Chairs. We were taking the trial debate - we took some topics, and each pair of Chairs for several minutes conducted the proceedings. We played different scenarios, for example, what if a delegate is resistant and constantly announces improper motion or feels constantly offended that someone out there said something about his/her country. An important point to prepare for being a Chair is also gaining experience in other MUNs. We can see what other people do and derive inspiration from them, if there is something "cool", or if there is something "uncool" Then we are pay even greater attention to avoid repetitions.

## **Do you expect any controversies related to the topics you are going to cover?**

MG: I know that my classmates which are representing Muslim countries have done a lot of research and are well prepared so their debate with the Western countries should be really interesting. I believe that exchange of views will be thoughtful and really fascinating to watch and I hope for a juicy debate.

KL: Honestly - yes. As Martyna has mentioned, our classmates will be representing Islamic and African countries. I think the main purpose was our committee to be controversial. I'll have to keep them upright if they start doing some scenes in these debates, since in the end it has to be professional. But I don't suspect it to be something very different from the first Women Empowerment Committee about two years ago. Because I, for example, was representing Iraq, and I had to defend the principles of Sharia law, and, well, it was hard for me, be

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cause I personally think in a totally different way - and I had to preach Sharia views, I had to protect them, refer to the Koran and justify them, for example: „Women can be beaten on such or such a condition.“. But it was a diversion, a challenge. There were quarrels, there were emotions.

## **What significance does Women Empowerment Council have in comparison to the rest of the committees?**

MG: What's different about our council is the fact that it is focused on problems that women from all around the world are trying to overcome in their everyday lives. I think that this "focusing on a human" is something that distinguishes it from other topics because of how personal and close to heart the problem is. Secondly, our Council is one of the largest committees that have ever been on the MUN and it arouses a lot of interest.

KL: Overall, this is probably the only committee which appears irregularly, not on every StetiMUN. This is not such an issue like Human Rights, which is permanently year after year.

I think that is why people expect more from its unpredictability. And through it the committee is still fresh, and haven't got bored anyone yet. I mean, with how many themes you can come up in WHO - it can get repetitive. Whereas our committee continues to change, depending on the political situation. We can't assume that also discussions will not be boring, because,

I think, there will be a lot of disagreements and quarrels. It sounds good! Because at least there won't be any situations in which everyone can say „-Yes, we have to solve the problem of hunger! -Yes, we have to solve it!“ and they're all unanimous.

## **Do you have any expectations regarding the results of the debate?**

MG: The most important thing is that everyone speaks their mind. Each country is important and relevant. We will try to encourage delegates to tell their opinions and be active in the debate. And we hope that they will come up with wise resolutions.

KL: I hope people will be prepared, because it is the key - if they don't prepare, there will be no point in debates, the Chairs will have their hands tied. Of course, apart from being prepared, we also expect them to be active, want to participate and speak a lot.

## **Sonia Rembas and Angelika Rutkowska**

## Villain of the story?

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**Zuzanna Cieplińska, Vice-President of the International Criminal Court, is meeting us to answer our questions about her committee. She reveals something about herself and the topic of this year's committee. This interview is a chance to get to know her better.**

**Why have you decided to work for this council? What significance does International Criminal Court have in comparison to the rest of the committees?**

I have chosen the International Criminal Court, because I connect my future career with the international law. Law has been my passion since my childhood. I became fascinated by the origins of law in the ancient Greece during the family holidays at the age of 10. When I grew up, I started to be bothered by the world's injustices and I just then decided to make a change. I know that I cannot change the world, but by participating in the Model United Nations, in the International Criminal Court I started to be more aware of the aspects of the world justice, think about the solutions to the cases which are very important and common these days. I wish someday I could become a real judge and stand in the custody of law and justice.

**I hope that someday your wish will come true! But let's come back to the topic – who is the man that you will be focusing on?**

Bashar al-Assad is the President of Syria and

the commander-in-chief of Syrian Armed Forces. Due to the very tense military situation in Syria during the last months, we have decided to focus more on the internal situation of this country and actions undertaken by the person of Bashar al-Assad.

**Do you expect many disagreements between representatives or any controversies related to this year topics?**

Yes, of course I do. This year topic is very controversial due to the very „hot” current situation in Syria. And of course, the International Criminal Court is not a normal commission in the United Nations. It is the independent court, in which the trials of the individuals take place. There are two sides, the office of the prosecution and the office of the advocates. Both sides are „fighting” with each other.

The solution of the trial is the verdict of the judges, which is to be stated after testimonies of all the witnesses from both sides and analyzing the evidence.

**And what verdict do you expect?**

As the President of the International Criminal Court I am impartial and objective. I want to refrain from judging a book by its cover, so I am patiently waiting for the course of the case to have the possibility to support my position on this issue.

**I'm impressed with your position. Do you have any advice for the delegates?**

Thank you very much! My advice for the delegates is to derive from the conference as much as possible, gain new international (and not only) contacts, acquire knowledge, but above all, have fun!

**Thank you for finding time for us!**

**Dagmara Janoszek**  
**Marta Śliwa**

# HAVE SOME FUN!

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